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### **Legal Title**

Transcript Reimbursement Fund

### Legal Citation/Authority

Chapter 518, Statutes of 2010 (SB 1181)

Business and Professions Code sections 8030-8031

### **Fund Classification**

**GAAP Basis** 

Governmental/Special Revenue Funds

# **Fund Classification**

**Legal Basis** 

Governmental/Other Governmental Cost Funds

#### **Purpose**

To provide shorthand reporting services to low-income litigants otherwise unable to afford such services.

Pursuant to Section 8030, all fees and other revenues received by the Court Reporters Board of California will be deposited into the Court Reporters' Fund (0771). The revenues that are received into the Court Reporters' Fund in excess of the Board's operating budget for the 1996-97 fiscal year will become transfers that are budgeted into the Transcript Reimbursement Fund, in an amount no less than \$300,000 for each fiscal year.

Refunds and unexpended funds that are anticipated to remain in the Transcript Reimbursement Fund at the end of the fiscal year shall be considered by the Board in establishing the fee assessment pursuant to Section 8031 so that the assessment will maintain the Transcript Reimbursement Fund at the appropriate level in the following fiscal year.

Applicants who have been reimbursed pursuant to this chapter for services provided to litigants and who are awarded court costs or attorneys' fees by judgment or by settlement agreement will refund the full amount of that reimbursement to this fund within 90 days of receipt of the award or settlement.

The Board will maintain the fund at a level that is sufficient to pay all qualified claims, by utilizing all refunds, unexpended funds, fees, and any other money received by the Board to accomplish this objective.

The Board will disburse funds from the Transcript Reimbursement Fund for the costs, exclusive of per diem charges for court reporters employed by the State, of preparing either an original transcript, or a copy of the transcript, of court or deposition proceedings, or both, incurred as a contractual obligation between the court reporter and the applicant, for litigation conducted in California.

### **Administering Agency/Organization Code**

Department of Consumer Affairs- Regulatory Boards/Org 1110

## **Major Revenue Source**

- Transfers from the Court Reporters' Fund
- Refunds from applicants who were reimbursed in a judgment or settlement

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# **Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)**

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code 8030.2(g), notwithstanding Section 16346 of the Government Code, all unencumbered funds remaining in the Transcript Reimbursement Fund as of January 1, 2013, shall be transferred to the Court Reporters' Fund.

### **Appropriation Authority**

Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, money in the Transcript Reimbursement Fund is continuously appropriated for the purposes of this chapter.

### **State Appropriations Limit**

**Excluded** – Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes; however, when transferred, may become proceeds of taxes. These revenues have a logical, direct relationship with the use and purposes for which they are used.

## **Comments/Historical Information**

Chapter 895, Statutes of 1996, created the Transcript Reimbursement Fund.

Chapter 518, Statutes of 2010 changed the repeal date from January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2013...

The Court Reporters Board administers this fund within the Department.

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